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SUBJECT: ROC MILITARY INSTRUCTORS AND C-47 PILOTS

REF: (A) PHNOM PENH 9496; (B) PHNOM PENH 9484;

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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STEARNS CALLED IN CHEN
(MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS) OF ROC EMBASSY SEPT 11
CONCERNING RETURN OF PILOT AND ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS TO
CAMBODIA. STEARNS SAID USG KNEW OF VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION
MADE BY ROC TO GKR THROUGH PROVISION OF ARTILLERY AND PILOT
INSTRUCTORS, AS RESULT OF BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, FOLLOWING ROC WITH-
DRAWAL OF THESE INSTRUCTORS, GKR HAS REQUESTED THEIR RETURN
AND THAT ROC MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE BADLY NEEDED C-47 PILOTS.
US ATTACHES THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO ROC EFFORTS TO IN-

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CREASE CAMBODIAN EFFICIENCY IN THESE TWO IMPORTANT FIELDS,

AND HOPES GRC WILL ACT FAVORABLY ON CAMBODIAN REQUEST.
STEARNS ALSO REPEATED ASSURANCES GIVEN BY EMBASSY PHNOM PENH
THAT US WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO EVACUATE ROC PERSONNEL
FROM CAMBODIA IF NEED SHOULD ARISE.

2. CHEN MADE NO COMMENT BUT SAID HIS EMBASSY WOULD CONVEY
US REQUEST TO TAIPEI AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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